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Medical Director's Update for Base Station Physicians' Committee September, 2007

New EMS Staff: Diane Royer, RN, joins EMS and will be responsible for facilities: Base Hospitals, cardiac receiving centers and similar areas. She is originally from Indiana where she worked as a field EMT and advanced EMT while going to nursing school. Her nursing focus has been in the emergency department, with experience at a trauma center in another county, and with the cardiac catheterization laboratory. Join us in welcoming Diane.

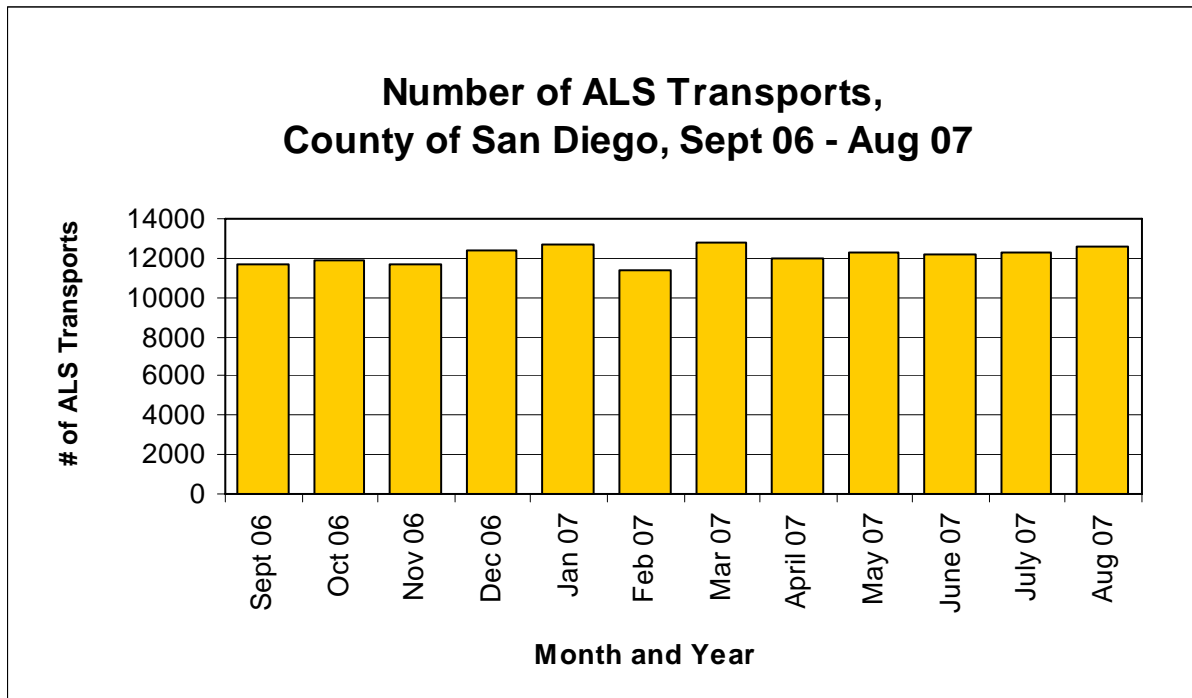
Overcrowding Summit: The EMOC overcrowding summit takes place October 2, 2007 from 7:45 am until 12 noon. It will be at Sharp Spectrum. Speakers will address the EMS Fund, overcrowding, solutions, and other valuable information. Speakers include Mike Williams of the Abaris Group, Dr. Cesar Aristeiguieta the state EMS director, Carla Schneider from Hoag Hospital, and others. San Diego hospitals will have a chance to share issues and solutions. RSVPs to Daren Nasser at Dnasser@sdcms.org.

STEMI Update: Second quarter data reinforce the excellent door-to-balloon times achieved in the STEMI receiving system. While the complete data are not yet available, the median DTB time appears to be about 60 minutes. Everyone in the system should be proud of these numbers and the impact they have on patients.

AB 941: This bill was introduced at the end of the legislative session to change EMT licensing and discipline. It has not been signed by the Governor to this point, so we do not know if it will take effect. If it does, however, it has an urgency provision so it is effective immediately. The bill establishes a statewide EMT certification registry, subject to funding; makes providers responsible for EMT discipline, and changes some of the grounds for discipline in the law. We will keep you updated.

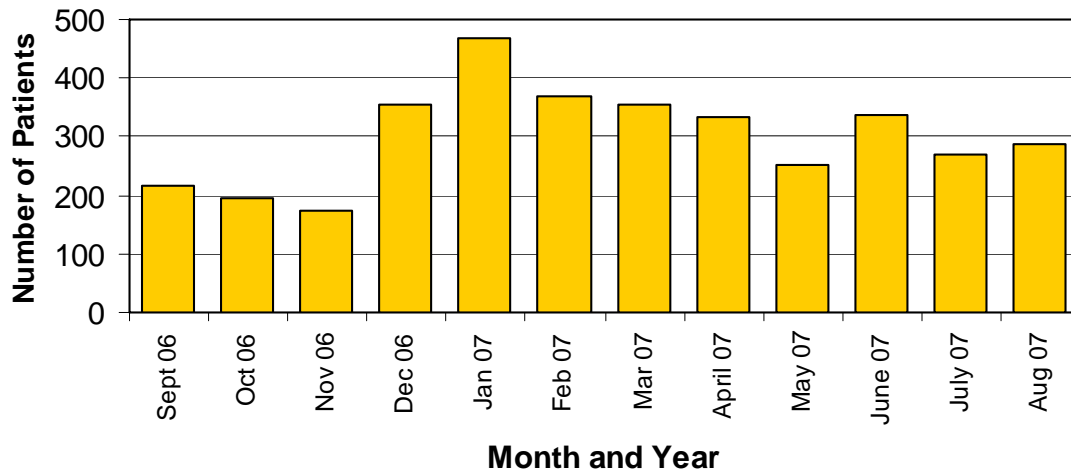
Proposed Stroke Triage Protocol: The proposed protocol for acute stroke patients was approved by prehospital EMCC yesterday and is considered by BSPC today. The protocol outlines resources and procedures the hospital should have to receive acute stroke patients within two hours of symptom onset. We will keep you posted as this is discussed. Please remember to report or log at the base acute strokes with symptom onset within two hours in its own assessment category in QCS.

Below are the patient destination data in graphic form:



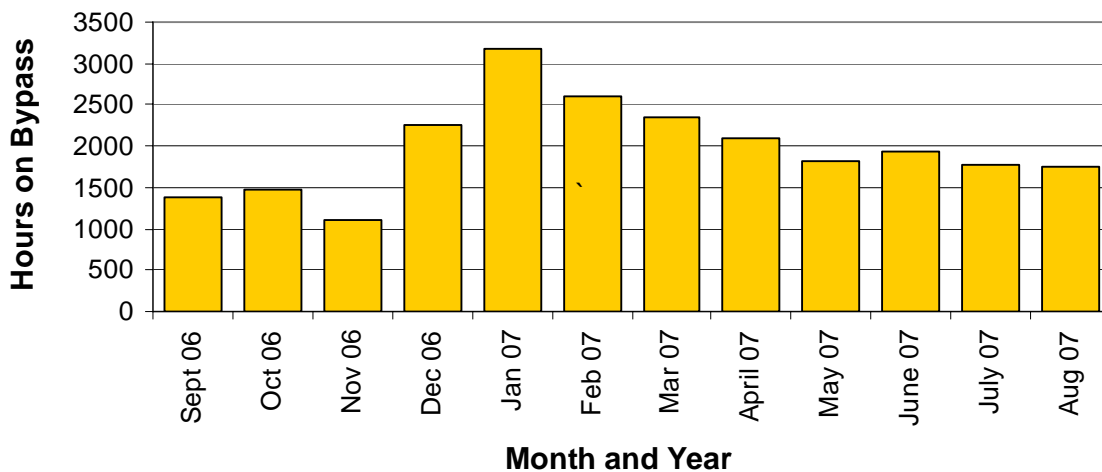
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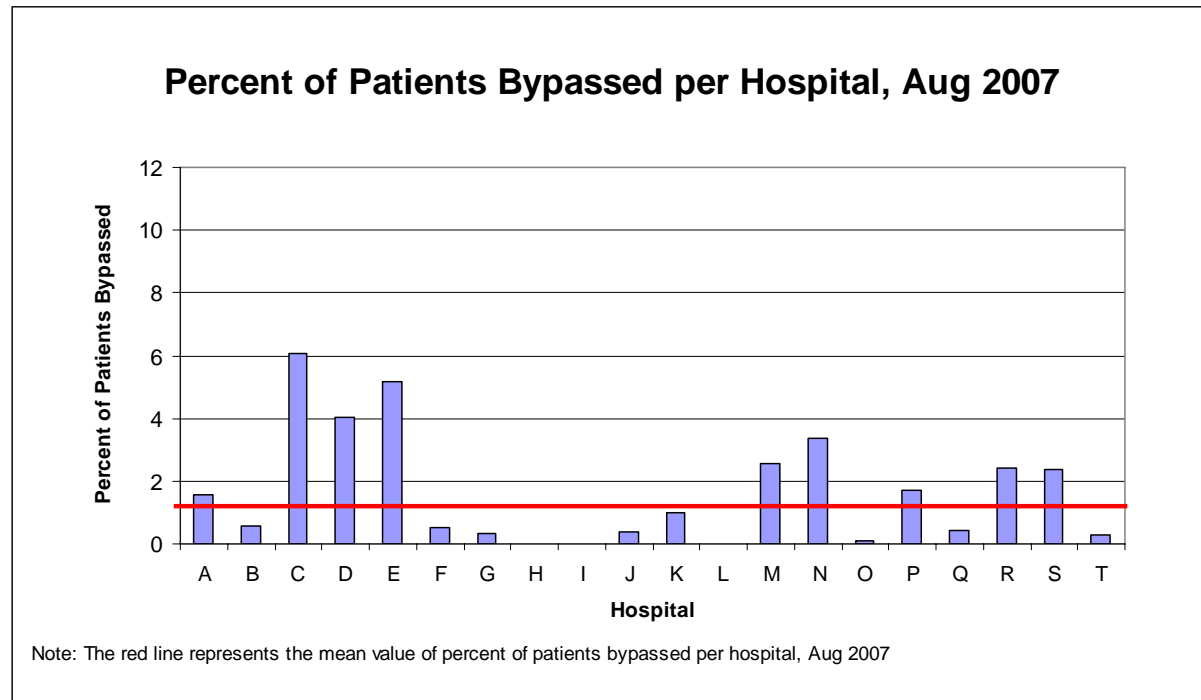
Number of Patients who Bypassed the Requested Hospital, County of San Diego, Sept 06 - Aug 07



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Total Hours on Emergency Department Bypass County of San Diego, Sept 06 - Aug 07





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